



Financial Forecast

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STOCK INDEX FUTURES

NASDAQ futures advanced to a record.

U.S. stock index futures are higher despite the stalemate in Washington over a fresh round of economic stimulus, along with ongoing tensions between the U.S. and China.

There were 1.495 million building permits issued in July when 1.300 million were expected and there were 1.496 million starts, which compares to the anticipated 1.240 million.

The September S&P 500 futures are not very far from the record high at 3396.50.

The technical picture remains constructive for stock index futures.

CURRENCY FUTURES

The U.S. dollar fell to a two-year low and took out the double bottom at the 92.475 - 92.510 area.

There was almost no bounce for the greenback when the very strong U.S. housing report was released, which should be viewed as a sign of weakness.

Some of the bears on the U.S. dollar are speculating that the Federal Reserve may loosen its approach to inflation, which could happen at its next policy meeting in September.

The U.S. dollar is likely to drift lower from current levels today and longer term.

The Australian dollar is higher after a report showed Australian consumer confidence gained 2.4% last week after seven straight weeks of declines.

INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES

The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note extended its decline to 0.674% from 0.683% Monday.

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Interest rate market futures, especially at the short end of the curve are likely to be supported by ideas that major central banks, including the Federal Reserve, will keep interest rates low for an extended period.

The next Federal Open Market Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16. Financial futures markets are predicting there is a 90% probability that the FOMC will maintain its fed funds target rate at zero to 25 basis points.

SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

September 20 S&P 500

Support	3368.00	Resistance	3396.50
September 20 U.S. Dollar Index			
Support	92.130	Resistance	92.850
September 20 Euro Currency			
Support	1.18700	Resistance	1.19630
September 20 Japanese Yen			
Support	.94300	Resistance	.94960
September 20 Canadian Dollar			
Support	.75550	Resistance	.76120
September 20 Australian Dollar			
Support	.7205	Resistance	.7266
September 20 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds			
Support	178^0	Resistance	178^30
December 20 Gold			
Support	1985.0	Resistance	2330.0

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December 20 Copper

Support 2.9000Resistance 2.9750October 20 Crude OilSupport 42.34Resistance 43.45

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